

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing an electric bulletin board ~~system that enables questions and answers among users therein, and service, a bulletin board of which carries a message from users and that works with an electric album service, the electric album service providing a storage area of an image to a user, for images to each of users, the electric bulletin board service and the electric album service being provided by a system including one or more servers,~~ comprising:

a step of ~~storing a question sent by a user and carrying the question in a displaying, by the system, a screen for a user to prepare the message to be carried in the bulletin board of the electric bulletin board system;~~service;

a step of ~~displaying the image provided for the displaying, by the system, an image by using an electric album service for the user registered with the user when carrying of the image has been requested by the user while preparing the message in the screen, so that the user enables to demand the image to be carried or not to be carried in the bulletin board with the question;~~ message;

a step of ~~judging~~judging, by the system, whether or not the image displayed by using provided for the electric album service is permitted to be browsed by a third party when the image isimage has been demanded to be carried in the bulletin board with the ~~question~~message by the ~~user;~~user, the image having been set in advance by the user to be permitted or not to be permitted to be browsed by the third party;

a step of ~~permitting~~permitting, by the system, to carry the image with the message in the bulletin board when the image is judged to be permitted to be browsed by the third party; and

a step of ~~banning~~banning, by the system, from carrying the image in the bulletin board when the image is judged not to be permitted to be browsed by the third party.

2. (Currently Amended) The method for providing the electric bulletin board service set forth in claim 1, ~~wherein~~wherein:

the image to be carried in the bulletin board with the message is stored in a different storage area from a storage area provided for the electric album service; and
a link portion is provided on a display screen of the bulletin board and the image stored in the different storage area onto a memory area provided for the electric album service is accessed through the display screen of the bulletin board when the link portion is clicked on.

3. (Currently Amended) The method for providing the electric bulletin board service set forth in claim 1, wherein the image is ~~read out from the memory~~a thumbnail image based on an original image stored in a storage area provided for the electric album service and is carried in the bulletin board service, and the thumbnail image is displayed in a page of the electric album service when carrying of the image has been requested by the user while preparing the message in the screen.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The method of providing the electric bulletin board service set forth in ~~claim 4,~~claim 1, wherein:

the image to be carried in the bulletin board with the message is a contracted image based on an original image stored in a storage area provided for the electric album service;

a link portion to display an original the original image of the contracted image in the bulletin board is provided on the display a display screen when the contracted image is displayed on the display screen of the electric bulletin board bulletin board; and

_____ the original image is read out from the ~~memory~~ storage area ~~provide~~ provided for the electric album service and displayed in the bulletin board when the link portion is clicked on.

6-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The method for providing the electric bulletin board service set forth in ~~claim 1, claim 2,~~ wherein according to an erase order from a user, image data stored onto an area the user, an original image of the image stored in the storage area provided for the electric album service is ~~erased,~~ erased, and the image stored in the different storage area is not erased.

15-25. (Canceled)